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(d) the amendment of section 129 (1) of the City Municipal Act 1919, to put a stop to the system of refunds of timber tax is under consideration.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" From the answer to (a) and (b), may I know whether the Government have satisfied themselves that these irregularities entail a loss of Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 53,000 ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Government have been aware of these irregularities and we have said that these must be put a stop to."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know what action the Government have taken on the report of the defalcation ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Corporation has taken action."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Do not the Government think that any action on their part is necessary ? Is it not the duty of Government to see that justice is done at least for the sake of the interests of the rate-payers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Government do not think any useful purpose will be served by doing so."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is it beyond the power of the Government to bring the culprits to book ? "

Education

Pay of drawing masters in Government educational institutions.

*827 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the scale of pay of the drawing masters in Government educational institutions ;

(b) whether the Government will consider the advisability of placing them at least on the scale of the second-grade teachers ; and

(c) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the suggestions of the 19th Provincial Educational Conference held at Vellore in 1927 urging the immediate introduction of standardized salaries as given there and recommending that the adoption of standardized scales be made a condition of recognition and aid ?

A.—(a) The scale of pay for drawing masters is Rs. 35—35—1½—50—1—60 when employed in training colleges and Rs. 25—1—50 when employed in other institutions.

(b) The scales of pay were revised in 1923. The Government do not propose to undertake a further revision at present.

(c) Yes.

Pay of teachers transferred from boys' to girls' schools under Kavali Taluk Board.

*828 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in all Provincial girls' schools in the Kavali Taluk Board area male teachers who are transferred from boys' schools are paid the same pay that they were receiving as teachers of boys' schools and not the scale of pay existing in the girls' schools ;